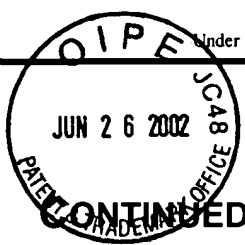


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**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,  
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after  
June 8, 1995.  
See The American inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)..

Application Number	09/777,817 ✓
Filing Date	February 5, 2001
First Named Inventor	John M. Boushy
Group Art Unit	3714
Examiner Name	Mark A. Sager
Attorney Docket Number	19538-05688

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.  
**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

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i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_

iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☐ Amendment/Reply

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

b. ☒ Return Postcard

c. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 19-2555

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- ☒ Charge any additional fee required under 37 CFR 1.16 - 1.21 or credit any over payments to the below mentioned deposit account.†
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status  
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101/\$740	201/\$370	Utility Filing	
106/\$330	206/\$165	Design Filing	
108/\$740	208/\$370	Reissue	
114/\$160	214/\$80	Provisional Filing	

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102/\$84	202/\$42	Independent claims in excess of 3
104/\$280	204/\$140	Multiple dependent claim
109/\$84	209/\$42	Reissue independent claims over original patent
110/\$18	210/\$9	Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

## 3. ADDITIONAL FEES

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115/\$110	215/\$55	Extension for response within first month†	
116/\$400	216/\$200	Extension for response within second month†	
117/\$920	217/\$460	Extension for response within third month†	
118/\$1,440	218/\$720	Extension for response within fourth month†	
128/\$1,960	228/\$980	Extension for response within fifth month†	
119/\$320	219/\$160	Notice of Appeal	
141/\$1,280	241/\$640	Petition to revive unintentionally abandoned application	
142/\$1,280	242/\$640	Utility Issue Fee (Or Reissue)	
143/\$460	243/\$230	Design Issue Fee	
122/\$130	122/\$130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
126/\$180	126/\$180	Submission of Information Disclosure Statement	
179/\$740	279/\$370	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	740.
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